THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) At present, 15 Computerised Reservation Offices are functioning in Delhi area at the following places:—

(1) IRCA Building Chelmsford Road, New Delhi
(2) Old Delhi Railway Station
(3) Sarojini Nagar
(4) Ghaziabad
(5) Kirti Nagar
(6) Nizamuddin
(7) Karkardooma
(8) New Azad Pur
(9) Noida
(10) Parliament House
(11) Delhi University (Manual)
(12) Supreme Court
(13) Okhla
(14) Indira Gandhi International Airport
(15) Delhi Shahdara.

(b) to (e) The eligible staff from the group 'C' cetegory are deployed against the posts as per requirements. These staff work under the administrative control of officers in the main passenger reservation complex at New Delhi. Periodical transfers, shifting and rotational roasters are being used to avoid long stay of staff.

Drop-out rate in schools

2631. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of the drop-rate in rural and urban areas for boys and girls in different States during 1995-96;

(b) how this compares with 1990—92 and 1993-94;

(c) what are the reasons for high drop-out so far as girl students are concerned; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) A statement giving details of State-wise drop-out rates of boys and girls in primary classes for 1990-91 and 1993-94 is attached as statement *(See* below) Dis-aggregated drop-out data for rural and urban areas is not available.

(c) the reasons for high drop-out in case of girl students from primary classes relate to several socio-economic and cultural factors. These include in difference of parents towards education of girls; involvement of girls in domestic chores; care of siblinge; agriculture and allied activities; prevalence of child marriage; distance from schools; non-availability of sufficient women teachers; lack of amenities such as saparate toilets for girls, etc.

(d) The measures taken by Central and State Govenments to improve the situation include micro-planning and community mobilisation; greater involvement of Panchayat Raj Institutions; setting up of Village Education Committees; improvement of school infrastructure through Operation Blackboard Scheme; incentives for girls and SC/ST such as free text books, uniforms and attandence scholarships, establishing and strengthening of teacher education institutions, introduction of Minimum Levels of Learning (MLLs) and implementation of the Mid-day Meals Programme.

Statement

Drop-out rate sin classes I-V for the year 1990-91 and 1993-94

S. No.	State	1990-91			1993-94		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	48.55	56.05	51.87	42.48	41.78	42.18
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	60.71	60.78	60.73	60.09	61.09	60.52
3.	Assam	45.97	59.77	52.42	38.65	39.55	39.05
4.	Bihar	63.24	66.88	64.47	61.85	56.20	63.36
5.	Goa	−8.59	1.79	−3.64	−7.94	3.09	−2.57
6.	Gujarat	38.71	48.84	43.27	42.05	51.39	46.25
7.	Haryana	17.97	28.70	22.66	1.60	6.81	3.93
8.	Himachal Pradesh	33.00	32.84	32.93	24.64	28.16	26.28
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	53.46	41.25	48.48	53.12	42.35	48.66
10.	Karnataka	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	44.42	40.78
11.	Kerala	[illegible]	[illegible]	−7.91	−5.35	−3.05	−4.23
12.	Madhya Pradesh	29.47	38.50	33.16	23.43	34.96	28.36
13.	Maharashtra	29.16	38.87	33.73	24.10	31.63	27.62
14.	Manipur	72.37	73.95	73.11	68.02	68.53	68.26
15.	Meghalaya	26.49	25.94	26.23	29.96	34.43	32.06
16.	Mizoram	51.62	49.07	50.42	56.73	58.54	57.58
17.	Nagaland	31.46	39.66	35.54	37.56	24.13	31.65
18.	Orissa	46.55	45.62	46.17	57.07	52.05	55.06
19.	Punjab	24.09	25.11	24.56	20.69	22.94	21.74
20.	Rajasthan	58.55	66.15	60.90	54.76	63.02	57.44
21.	Sikkim	60.63	52.94	57.31	63.18	61.19	62.27
22.	Tamil Nadu	18.27	22.68	20.31	16.39	18.35	17.30
23.	Tripura	62.02	63.35	62.63	60.57	66.95	63.49
24.	Uttar Pradesh	30.67	42.42	34.82	19.86	20.08	19.94
25.	West Bengal	43.21	56.68	49.16	36.17	45.76	40.43
26.	A & N Islands	.74	6.83	3.63	9.26	10.34	9.77
27.	Chandigarh	3.95	.53	1.89	−20.31	−9.04	−14.90
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	35.34	53.65	43.28	40.50	55.19	47.00
29.	Daman & Diu*	.00	.00	.00	−7.32	−2.97	−5.32
30.	Delhi	21.38	26.23	23.72	19.25	28.83	25.74
31.	Lakshadweep	17.96	27.70	22.69	12.55	18.75	15.51
32.	Pondicherry	−5.37	−12.08	−8.48	−7.86	−8.20	−8.02
	India:	40.10	45.97	42.60	36.07	39.05	37.32

*Included in Goa.